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EASTERN NEWS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE OREGONIAN.]

The Lines Still Down.

CHICAGO Jan 8.—The telegraphic situation is not changed for the better this morning and there is scarcely a possibility of getting anything through from the East before to-night not even dispatches got through at an early hour this morning but they came via Richmond Va thence through the Carolinas through Atlanta Louisville and Cincinnati The storm appears to extend from the lakes on the north to Tennessee on the south and how far east cannot be definitely stated

CHICAGO Jan 8—Both branches of the Illinois legislature have condemned the salary grab Senators Ivers Tabor and Shores have burned last night at Indianapolis

Preparing for a Tussel with the Internationalists

NEW YORK Jan 8.—The New York police will be ordered to prepare for any emergency that may arise to meet one during the session of the Communist meeting It is stated that 20,000 ball cartridges were taken to night to the Armory of the Seventy first regiment.

Cascade on Cuban Affairs

A *Herald* special from Key West says Manuel Quesada arrived to day He believes the prospects of Cuba are brighter than ever and declares that nothing short of independence will be accepted

Meeting of the Massachusetts Legislature.

BOSTON Jan 8—The Legislature convened to day The old officers were re elected

Bold Attempt at Bank Robbery.

An unsuccessful attempt was made last night to rob the Abingdon National Bank Masked men bound and gagged the watchman but he managed to give the alarm The men escaped

WASHINGTON CITY.

Department News.

WASHINGTON Jan 7—Luttrell received from the Interior Department to day the appointment of Elijah Steele as Special Indian Agent for Northern California, to care especially for the Big Valley and Hot Springs Indians, and others in Siskiyou county, California who are threatened with starvation He will give directions to the Relief Committee provided by a recent order mentioned in these dispatches

In view of the danger of difficulty with the Indians in Del Norte county Col the Department will in a day or two send the Indian Agent at Hoopa Valley to negotiate with them for their removal to Hoopa Valley Reservation

Luttrell to-day obtained an order from the Quartermaster General's Department notifying all persons holding claims for Modoc war supplies furnished the Government to send them to Quartermaster General Allen at San Francisco who is directed to forward them from there for immediate payment There are about $80 000 of these claims in Siskiyou county

Frederick D Hard Special Agent of the Postoffice Department, on duty in Oregon, had a conference with the Postmaster General to-day by invitation regarding the postal affairs of the Northern Pacific coast.

B F Hastings Land Agent for California has for warded his resignation to the U S Surveyor General

Page will shortly introduce a bill to forfeit to the United States all lands withdrawn under the grant for the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company which Company has failed to comply with the conditions of the law requiring fifty miles of railroad to be built every year The enactment of this bill would restore to the public domain millions of acres

Clayton intends to introduce Cole's bill to grant a portion of the Presidio reservation to the city of San Francisco for a public park

Clayton introduced a bill to-day authorizing the widows of pre-emption claimants to prove up perfect settlements making them in effect settlers which the local Court in California has decided they are within the meaning of the pre emption laws

Mr. Williams Wants to Withdraw.

WASHINGTON Jan 8.—It is positively asserted to night that Attorney-General Williams wrote a letter this afternoon requesting the withdrawal of his nomination as Chief Justice The report comes from a trustworthy private source

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

The Office of the New Spanish Government.

MADRID Jan 8—Senor King, Minister of the Interior, has issued a circular to provincial authorities It is stated that the principal object of the Government is to re establish order, and show its compatibility with the republic and liberty To secure this object it will employ most energetic measures

Condition of Kaiser Wilhelm.

BERLIN, Jan 8—The health of Emperor Wilhem continues to improve

A TRICK EXPOSED

THE 'STIGMATA' GIRL COMES TO GRIEF—SHE IS DISCOVERED MAKING THE WONDERFUL MARKS UPON HER OWN HANDS

Everybody remembers Miss Collins the young woman who, last spring, created a considerable sensation in Catholic circles by exhibiting upon her hands and feet certain marks which she and certain of her friends claimed were produced by some supernatural agency The Catholic clergy accepted the theory of these so called miracles with a good deal of hesitancy and took measures to test the matter by a close espionage on all the young lady's movements By order of the Archbishop Miss Collins with her friend Miss Armer was sent to the house of the Sisters of Charity, Mount St Joseph There Miss Collins was put under the medical charge of Dr Shorb, and was carefully watched night and day not being suffered to pass a moment unobserved This close scrutiny, at last developed the fact that she herself was the author of the "stigmata" which she produced by picking her hands and feet with her nails When she learned that her imposture had become known she vanished, it is said, to parts unknown to every one save the Archbishop who declines to throw any light on the subject Miss Armer is believed to have been innocent of any knowledge of the trick She is yet in the Convent.—*S F Chronicle Dec 28th*

THE AUTOMATIC TELEGRAPH.—An exhibition of the working of the Automatic Telegraph was given at the rooms of the Company, No 66 Broadway last evening. This invention consists of three machines—one for perforating the paper, another for transmitting messages and the third for receiving them The perforating machine has a bank of twenty six keys each representing a letter of the alphabet When these keys are struck characters corresponding to the letters—represented by dots—are perforated in a strip of paper at an average speed of thirty words a minute The strip is then placed upon the transmitting machine which consists of a revolving drum connected with the telegraph wire. As the paper passes over the drum, which is turned by a crank an arm containing a roller pen connected with the battery is brought down upon it The pen reaches through the perforations sending pulsations from the battery and recording at the receiving station an exact duplicate of the characters punched by means of a strip of chemically prepared paper upon a registering drum It is claimed that by this system 1 000 words can be transmitted on a single wire over a circuit of 500 miles while to transmit the same number by the Morse system would require 40 wires that while the capacity of the Morse system is limited to the capacity of the operator to manipulate the key by the Automatic telegraph the full capacity of the wire for carrying electric signals can be utilized by increasing the number of perforating machines—costing about $100 each.—*New York Tribune December 18th*

WADDLE ARGALE AND WILLIAMS.—This is from the *Cincinnati Commercial* As we said a distinguished lawyer (the other day in speaking about Grant's nominee to the Chief Justiceship) If we were to compare Williams with the great men who have filled the office of Chief Justice we would have to use language like that of Argyle to Walpole On one occasion Walpole and the Duke of Argyle leaving the royal palace tripping as high as a blind horse and flopping around like a mad porpoise "Why Duke you seem excited" said Walpole "Yes sir" said the Duke I am the King has insulted me Oh replied Walpole never mind that the King has often kicked me. "Yes sir" cried the haughty claymsman in a towering rage but I would have you understand sir that there is an infinite difference between an Argyle and a Walpole And so," said our distinguished lawyer would I be compelled to speak of Williams in comparison with John Marshall and his successors"

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE OREGONIAN.]

CALIFORNIA.

From San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan 8.—The steamship *Oregonian* arrived here to day from Portland

The jury in the case of John Tuers to the murder of James Dowling have not agreed on a verdict They were out all night

The weather is clear and cold with a heavy frost last night

Anxiety for the safety of the steamer *China* increases

Mining stocks are down again to day and the market is panicky

The Mechanics State Council has declared in favor of a branch state prison at Folsom

It is reported that a match has been made for a running race between Neil Flaherty and Joe Bruno over the Ocean View course The date of the race is not yet agreed upon also that a race is to be arranged for all running horses in the world, to come off here next Fall for a purse of $30 000

Smallpox and scarlatina is rapidly abating under the cold weather

Greenbacks unchanged.

The Assembly to-day finally passed the Senate bill authorizing the Governor to offer a reward of $10,000 for the capture of Vasquez and his gang It is reported that Vasquez is in the city at the present time.

The Senate adjourned in honor of the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans

In the *habeas corpus* case of Kinsey and wife the two McLarens and Dow, accused of the murder of Harvey Green at Escondero a few weeks since the Judge of the 4th District Court to day decided to admit Kinsey to bail in the sum of $8 000 and the other four defendants in the sum of $6 000 each,

The jury in the Tuers murder case failed to agree on a verdict

W J Jones, accused of selling a claim in Utah inducing others thereby to purchase it for $150 000 is still in jail awaiting a requisition from Utah

SAN FRANCISCO Jan 8.—The Giant Powder Company declares a dividend of 1½ per cent payable Thursday

The new steamer *Colonia* will be placed on the Panama line

James M Ferguson second mate of the ship *Semantle* has been sentenced to the county jail for 180 days for the cruel treatment of sailors on that vessel.

Orleans Mining Company, incorporated to mine in Storey county, Nevada, to-day, capital $4,800,000 Alta-Mennuen Company, to mine in Devil's Gate District Lyon county, Nevada capital $7,300,000

German citizens will hold a mass meeting to express their disapproval of the action of the Board of Education in dispensing with the study of foreign languages in the public schools

The jury in the case of John Tuers, for the murder of James Dowling, were unable to agree on a verdict and were discharged Nine were for conviction and three for acquittal Tuers was remanded to jail

The report that C P Taggart, agent of the Pacific Mail Company at San Diego had been or will be removed, is denied by Edward Higgins, agent at this place

Rodericha Ruez was arrested here to-day, and will be taken to Sacramento to answer some criminal charge, the nature of which is not stated

Detective Duckworth, of St Louis, leaves to morrow by the overland train with John W Purden, whom he arrested in Oregon, charged with the murder of Benjamin Scott in Missouri

Joseph Getty and Jane Bonet were arrested to-night for burglary in a house on Pacific street

No tidings yet of the missing steamer *China* much anxiety is felt for her safety

The report that Vasquez is in the city is discredited by officials, but two of his gang are known to have been here within a few days

Interior California.

SAN DIEGO, Jan 8—The following private telegram was received from Maricopa Wells this evening Lt Babcock, with a detachment of the 6th cavalry killed 6 and captured 20 Tonto warriors Fifty three good Indians recorded during December

MONTANA.

SAN FRANCISCO Jan 8—The Montana legislature met on Monday last with O W Staples ton as President and I H Romers Speaker of the House

The Governor's message places the debt of the Territory at $412 987 He recommends a memorial asking Congress to open a military road via Wind river and Yellowstone Lake to Montana

NEVADA.

GOLD HILL, Jan 8—John Fitzgerald, station tender on the 1,000 foot level of the Crown Point mine was killed suddenly about 12 30 o'clock last night The cage was being lowered to the 1,200 foot station, and for some reason or other Fitzgerald wanted to stop it at the 1 000 foot level and in giving the bell wire a jerk he threw his head forward and the cage struck him on the back of the head, and bore him down to the station floor His head was wedged between the edge of the shaft and cage, and frightfully mangled the skull being broken in four pieces He was a member of the Gold Hill Miners' Union also of Montgomery Guards, of Virginia

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS

The annual report of the Librarian of Congress exhibits the fact that 12 407 volumes have been added to the collection during the year closing Dec 1st The aggregate number of books now in the library is 298 752 volumes besides about 50,000 pamphlets In the copyright department there have been 15 contentions made during the year and the Librarian has paid into the Treasury the sum of $1 191 as the receipts from copyright fees This exceeds the entries of the year preceding by about 10 per cent The Librarian reports the accessions to the library as unusually valuable including, at almost complete set of the county histories of England purchased in London and very important as throwing light upon the history and genealogy of thousands of American families The rapid growth of the library and of the copyright business of the country render the necessity for a new building to accommodate its overflowing collections an imperative necessity While retaining in the Capitol a sufficiently large library for legislative and judicial use Congress has already authorized the preparation of plans for a separate building and the commission appointed to select a plan will shortly make the award of premiums The location of the building however is not yet selected.—*Washington Dispatch Nov 14th*

THE COST OF A CONGRESSMAN'S DEATH.—The death of a member is something of a pecuniary one custom having established the usage of maintaining a sort of professional mourning on the part of the House, something after the style of the hired mourners of England and Scotland It a member dies at Washington the Sergeant at Arms may pay the landlord of his hotel $100 for having granted the privilege of death in his house Six stalwart men must then watch with two relays by his bedside during the period that the body is in the custody of the House Potter for some of the dead statesmen has been recently watched before they left the Legislative halls Deputies must attend the body as the last remains in the State of Illinois and after the funeral from the night of burial in the Congressional burying ground Altogether an ordinary funeral case in round numbers costs about $5,000 to bury a Congressman decently who dies in Washington The funeral expenses of Speaker Colfax in this case will be more than the bare pay for one year Perhaps the back pay will serve to defray funeral expenses for one without the benefit of clergy Gentlemen watch dogs of the Treasury anxious to practice economy would do their constituency and the country a service by dying at home.—*Washington Letter*

MARION COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT—HON REUBEN R HOYT JUDGE—THE GRAND JURY—CHARGE OF THE COURT—INDICTMENTS FOUND—THE BEST LAWS OF OREGON—IMPRISONMENT FOR THE DEBTS OF THE POOR—CIRCUIT COURT—THE BEST LAWS OF OREGON—IMPRISONMENT FOR THE DEBTS OF THE POOR—MILL TILL BOTTOM THIS CROSS FARM AND STOCK CHAIN HEAD OF MARION COUNTY

[REPORTED BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

SALEM, Jan 7, 1874

During the last eight days the weather has been varied by partial snow fall and heavy rain showers gentle frosts and genial sunshine Farming partially suspended but the clearing of scrub preparing fencing and securing firewood are in active operation The general appearance of the country indicates unusual agricultural activity and decided progress The contentions manners and homes of the farmers satisfy the observer that comfort happiness and satisfaction are the experience of the great mass of the people of the Willamette Valley

An extensive trip through the center and east side of

FRENCH PRAIRIE

Is a convincing proof of the latter statement A considerable number of the original settlers on this prairie have removed and their places are occupied by industrious enterprising and successful farmers There are quite a number of fine dwelling houses on this beautiful prairie but there is ample room for great improvements in this department

HOWELL PRAIRIE

Has the reputation of being one of the most beautiful and valuable prairies for its size in the Willamette Valley It is only six miles long and three miles broad The soil is very rich and productive, and the farming improvements are in an advanced stage There are a number of fine dwelling houses and the scenery is even at this season of the year, beautiful From April to November the dan escape must be charming The farmers are prosperous and rich extensive leaders of money and not borrowers live comfortably and some of them manifest great refinement in manner and mode of living although not a few of them might considering their wealth, have much better houses A good comfortable house makes home attractive and other things corresponding goes to make it happy Pleasant rooms bright fires and cheerful faces make home the happiest spot on earth Money is desirable but only valuable as it can subserve these and similar objects. Blessed are they that add to the happiness of others It is more blessed to give than receive

AURORA,

Commonly known as Dutchtown is located near the northern boundary line of Marion county It is a German settlement and has all the characteristics peculiar to that people The colony was founded in 1855 on Christian principles The property is held in common for the benefit of all the members The profits of the settlement go into a common fund, and all are supplied from the same The property is invested in Trustees for the members of which the Rev Dr Keil is President The property of the settlement consists of 12 000 acres of land, principally composed of timber, but rapidly yielding to the ax and the hands of industry, on which there are now some fine farms beautiful gardens and elegant houses A fair evidence of the industry of the settlers and the increasing value of their property they have a large general store a first class drug store blacksmith wagon wheelwright shoemaker tailor, saddler, carpenter, cooper tanner and furniture shops a woolen factory saw, planing and grist mills a hotel a church and a schoolhouse All these establishments and institutions are models of completeness and neatness There are 400 people in the settlement distinguished for their industry cultivation and refinement, living in the bonds of mutual confidence, esteem and affection abounding in all the necessaries and comforts of good living and happy homes The hotel has a long established reputation for the comfortable and substantial table it provides for guests The best hotel keepers in Portland might visit the Aurora hotel and learn profitable lessons as to how to make their guests comfortable Travelers by the Oregon and California Railroad can testify as to the elegant breakfasts and suppers that this hotel provides —the numerous visitors that frequent this favorite resort on holidays will confirm the same We had the pleasure of a long conversation with Dr Keil who willingly explained to us the rise and progress of the colony The Doctor's history is one of deep interest his self denial and Christian example are worthy of all praise and the success of the colony is a beautiful illustration of Christian unity, confidence and esteem This colony, in common with all places in the country looks comparatively quiet in the winter but during the summer months a visit to the grounds of the Aurora German settlement is a source of great pleasure and joy

MILL CREEK VALLEY

Has some splendid farming lands of great richness and productiveness A portion of it lies very flat and is subject to overflow from the creek In those portions spring wheat is sown but splendid fall wheat is also raised The high lands are admirably adapted for wheat and oats Mr Thomas Cross of Salem has a valuable farm of 1 400 acres in this valley on which he raises the best of fall and spring wheat and has a flock of 1 800 head of sheep In his flock are some fine Cotswolds Leicesters and other breeds as are to be found in the Willamette Valley Mr Cross has done great things for Oregon as a cultivator of hams and bacon and importing thoroughbred stock At present he is paying special attention to improving and increasing fine sheep and hogs in both of which lines of business he is quite successful

The creek is of great value as a channel for conveying a portion of the water of the Santiam river to Salem that constitutes the great water power of that city for manufacturing purposes

THE WHEAT OF MARION COUNTY

	Bushels
Kinney & Smith will ship from Salem mill	1 0000
M D Hendricks from Wheatland	40 000
B S Bremen from Turner and by railroad	80 000
Lafayette Pollard from Champoeg	50 000
John Horner from Champoeg mill	12 000
James McKay small Champoeg	10 000
B S Clark, from Butteville	14 000
Aurora R R station of Marion Co wheat	200 000
Hubbard's	15 000
Woodburn	50 000
Brooks	60 000
Gervais	40 000
Turners	40 000
Marion	60 000
Jefferson	15 000
Ankeny's and Iona	10 000
Total quantity to be shipped	800 000
Retained for seed and home consumption	100 000

Total production in Marion County 900 000

The figures are taken from reliable sources and while the 900 000 bushels shipped at Aurora and 1 000 bushels shipped from Hubbard's station received from Clackamas county the vast quantity of wheat received by R C Kinney & Co from three counties to the 1 000 bushels (two cutting parties) to Marion station from the Scotts Mills county

There has been raised in Marion county this year about 900 000 bushels of wheat 700 000 bushels will be available for shipping, of the remainder to Dec 1st 75 cents was paid and the farmers will not sell it thirty three cent the present price up the valley

If price of wheat at one of the shipping points should not reach as large a figure from 40 to 60 cents will be realized and a large proportion has averaged a dollar a bushel The raising of wheat will be greatly increased in the Willamette valley this year and the quantity of cut will be enormously increased in 1875

	Raised	Will ship
Lincoln [illegible]	1 000 00	1,500 000
Linn county	1 000 00	600 000
Benton county	500 00	1 000
Polk county	500 00	1 000
Marion county	900 00	1 000
Total	4 000 00	4 100 00

Taking for granted that the 2 500 000 bushels sold in advance of 50 cents a bushel the farmers of these four counties will have distributed among them $1 250 000 and after allowing 50 cents as the cost of raising the wheat for market

TO BE CONTINUED

THE VILLE DU HAVRE

A Survivor's Story.

SAVED BY A PRAYER—THE LAST HOURS OF THE DOOMED SHIP—THE LAST BOAT LEFT—THE LOSS OF THE VILLE DU HAVRE

[SPECIAL TO THE HERALD.]

The following letter has been received by Mr J A Wiltbank of this city from his son who was a passenger on the ill fated *Ville du Havre*

HOTEL DU LIVERPOOL, PARIS Dec 6

My Dear Father—I arrived here the night before last, very much tired but in perfect health after having witnessed scenes which I shall remember until my death and after having been saved in a miraculous manner from an ocean grave by the mercy of God I have so much to say that I hardly know where to commence and as you have had more or less accurate newspaper accounts of the loss of the steamer *Ville du Havre* I shall confine myself to my own personal experience

Very soon after leaving New York we ran into a fog which did not leave us definitely until the 6th of November In the second day out we lost one blade of the screw which of course diminished our speed so that not withstanding the fair winds which we had we were only on the 12th day out at noon about 1,000 miles of our journey I had made but few acquaintances on board and I spent most of my time reading On Friday afternoon the 21st of November the fog cleared off demurely and we had a fine sun set At about half past ten I went on deck the night was the most magnificent starlight one which I have ever seen at sea A pleasant breeze was blowing we had a great deal of sail set and were going along finely through a calm sea with everything apparently working well I remained on deck until about a quarter past 12 o'clock when I went below and turned in I had been asleep but a short time, when I was suddenly awakened by a tremendous shock and a loud grinding noise, which lasted only a few seconds I jumped out of bed and without attempting to explain to myself what had happened, pulled on a pair of trowsers boots pea jacket and hat and so hurried on deck I was one of the first of the passengers to reach the deck The engines stopped and there was a quantity of debris lying on the deck In looking upwards, I observed that but little of this had come down from our rigging and then I ran to the starboard side and saw our bulwarks driven in for a length of fully 30 feet and all the rigging of the starboard side cut away and while I was looking over the side I saw that the steamer was sinking in the water and the men were working at boats I then made up my mind for the worst and went aft to see what chance there was for me in the boats for two of these were already in the water and as I came aft I saw them put off to the ship which had run us down and which fortunately had kept afloat and hove to about one mile of a mile under our stern These two boats were filled entirely with *French sailors and firemen* Some 40 men were making frantic and useless efforts to get another boat over the side and half of these cowardly rascals were already in the boat

Seeing that the crew was entirely demoralized I gave up all hopes of saving myself from the steamer by a boat and looked around me for some means of keeping afloat when she should go down Then I saw a man near me hammering at the main deck with a capstan bar and on looking closer I saw he was trying to get his preserver loose I then recollected having that very day seen the sailors knife sticking on a sheath in the mizzen rigging I ran and got this was the work of a few seconds, and with two cuts I loosened the life preserver for the man whom I had seen hammering at it and whom I recognized as a Monsieur Barbanson I then went at the one which I secured for myself then I gave the knife to a Mr Belknap who I did not know at all the blades of his pocket knife having broken off in trying to cut a life preserver loose I remained at the extreme stern of the ship for two reasons—first because there was little or no engine room aft my head to drag me down in case the steamer should sink suddenly and secondly because I had noticed that the bow was lower on the water than the stern from which I judged that she would not sink very rapidly but go down at an angle bow first and therefore come more slowly forward than all which proved to be the case After I had secured my life-preserver, I turned to see what was going on around me as I looked forward I saw the mainmast go over to leeward, first slowly, and then suddenly fall over the side with a terrific crash from the screams and groans which accompanied and followed the fall of this mast and the mizzen mast which was dragged along with it, I knew that many persons had been killed or crushed more or less severely under the wreck It then occurred to me suddenly that I remained on board the steamer until she went down that I would find myself in the water among a crowd of others, some of whom might seize and drag me down So I took off my shoes coat and hat put on my life preserver got upon the main rail, committed myself to the mercy of God Almighty and jumped over the stern

I sank of course at first and then came to the surface again then, after getting myself out of my coat, I turned around and just saw the stern and most of the steamer going under at a short distance from me I saw a piece of wreck up on which were two Frenchmen Some 40 men were making frantic and useless efforts to get another boat over the side and half of these cowardly rascals were already in the boat

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The Daily Oregonian.

FRIDAY MORNING JANUARY 9 1874

TRUTH FOR OREGON POLITICIANS

The Oregon *Statesman* the most influential paper by far that the state outside of Portland contains since its emancipation from the Hipple ring, speaks out plainly on the political situation Having since its change of ownership become a true and faithful advocate of the rights of the people against the rascality of the rings, and of political honesty against trickery and corruption it does not mince words about the political situation In yesterday's *Statesman* we find an editorial article which sets forth the exact situation of affairs in Oregon, with relation to the political past and future in words so truthful and just that we feel constrained to reproduce them in the OREGONIAN at length It says

We continually see cases of the blind leading the blind but we respectfully submit that the *Bulletin's* defense and championship of Republican interests is a very glaring case of it Last fall when the enemy was weak and not at all in earnest in the support of Nesmith, and when all that was necessary to nominate a man, whose name could have been a platform of itself, we saw the *Bulletin* faction, engineered by Mitchell in person, with Dolph and the editor of the *Bulletin* for drum-majors, come boldly up to the convention and demand endorsement for our unhappy Senator They had the votes and they secured the endorsement, and by that means they drove more than half the Republicans of Oregon from the polls, and worse yet, drove many of them over to the other side, and having accomplished that much, the *Bulletin* claims to be the simon pure fountain of Republicanism !!

Leading a forlorn hope is not the pleasantest mode of campaigning, and the *Bulletin* and its country allies are welcome to all the honor of it The time to have broken the enemy's line and won one victory and laid the groundwork for the other, was last fall, and the faction which threw away the vantage then, has all the ill success that may follow next spring, also to answer for It was evident to all fair minded men that success was easy to secure at the Albany convention The writer of this plead that the Mitchell resolution should be let alone, and predicted —as did every other reasonable and disinterested man—that ruin would follow it, and ruin did follow it, and it cannot be undone There is an independent spirit abroad in the land that will not brook the insolence of rings and office holders, and the Republican party was made of such independent material, and it could not succeed when it had no other material left to form its spinal column

Now that the horse is stolen, of course, the barn door should be locked securely But in the meantime, men of all parties are loss partizans than they were Each party has fulfilled its mission Democracy has had no responsible mission since the civil war ended, and death was its inevitable portion The Republican party certainly has fulfilled a noble mission even if it has since fallen into the hands of spoilers, but its most earnest and able advocates do not pretend that great national issues are pending to give it vital strength and make its success necessary The only view we can take of the matter now, is that the people of the United States have little partizan feeling, they have in stead, mutual interests to preserve and rights to defend, and they will act in the most independent way to preserve and defend them

Of course the chronic politicians cannot see the tidal wave, though they will be very apt to feel it when it comes It may not come this year, but there is a heaving under the ocean that is certain to bring it at last. There is no especial sentiment in Oregon now, only that both parties have weakened or sundered the ties one by the nomination of Nesmith, who was not acceptable, and the other by forcing an endorsement of a man who may fight for success like an archangel, or the opposite of one, but has received the last endorsement from the people of Oregon he ever will get

WHY NOT ECONOMIZE

While the subject of reform and economical administration of public affairs is being agitated, why would it not be well to consider the question of a cheaper mode of levying and collecting the taxes which are required for different purposes? It does seem as if we ought to be able to collect the taxes without employing so many different officers for the purpose Taxation is not an object for which governments are created among men, but a mere incident The object of government is to protect the rights of individuals and not merely to collect taxes and pay officers' salaries The expense of levying and collecting the revenue necessary for carrying out the legitimate purposes of government ought to be reduced to the lowest rate possible

We have in Oregon to pay State county school poll and road tax, all of which are based upon a single assessment Of these various taxes, all are collected by the Sheriff except the road and poll tax the latter of which is taken by the Assessor and the former by the Road Supervisor Why not have the road tax collected by the Sheriff at the same time he collects other taxes One half the time of the Supervisors is devoted to this work and is paid for at a regular per diem out of the county treasury There are some other respects in which it occurs to us the tax gathering might be greatly simplified and rendered less expensive

The Supreme Court of the State of Nevada has decided that railway corporations are liable to taxation very much like the average American citizen The Central Pacific Railway Company declined to pay the taxes assessed by Washoe county and Washoe county appealed to the courts In the course of the trial the County Commissioners (who it seems were very much averse to litigation) tired of the delay and compromised with the Company on condition that the latter should pay $22 350 This arrangement was not agreeable to the District Attorney He declined to dismiss the suit and when the lower court decided against the county appealed the case to the Supreme Court where he obtained a decision against the Company In announcing the opinion of the Court one of the justices held that after the Commissioners acting as a Board of Equalization have levied a tax an immediate obligation arises on the part of the party taxed to pay the State the amount due A new trial has been granted

From the Treasury Department's statement of the public debt for December it appears that the total debt January 1 1874 was $2 249 245 9[illegible] total interest, $4 of 0[illegible] cash in the treasury (coin, $91 479 109 currency $4 2[illegible] 50 special deposits held for the redemption of certificates of deposit as provided for by law $36 720 000 total in the treasury $142 176 961 less cash in the treasury $2 179 215 326 increase during the month of December $[illegible] 3[illegible] bonds issued to Pacific Railroad companies interest payable in lawful money principal outstanding $64 623 512 interest accrued and not yet paid $1 938 705 interest paid by the United States $20 447 986 interest repaid by the transportation of mails, etc, $4 [illegible]66,6[illegible] balance of interest paid by the United States $15,781 921 The increase in the public debt since June 1865 amounts to $11 416 612 Part of this enormous sum was paid for the gratification of veluing knights of the carpet of the genus Casey and Evarts —it cost the country about five millions of dollars to capture a vessel which belonged to a foreign power That is, we sunk five millions on Frying Pan Shoals

Some days ago it was stated in an Eastern dispatch that the Northern Pacific Railway Company had agreed to leave the field for the time being in favor of the Southern Pacific We could scarcely believe this report to be true at the time, because we had been made somewhat acquainted with the plans of the Northern Pacific Company but a short time prior to this dispatch, and knew they must have undergone a most sudden and radical change if this dispatch was correct Information received yesterday is to the effect that no such agreement has ever been made or contemplated by the Northern Pacific Company The panic in the East has crippled the Company to a very considerable extent and it is quite possible it may have to ask for leniency at the hands of the Government, in order to finish the road within time to secure the land subsidy But there is scarcely a doubt that the road will be built, and that too in very few years

At last comes the announcement that the nomination of Attorney General Williams to the Chief Justiceship is to be withdrawn at his own request The *Evening News* of yesterday called attention to the rumor that a private telegram to that effect had been received by the leaders of the ring here This rumor was investigated by a reporter of the OREGONIAN and was traced to such a source as left but little room to doubts its accuracy And then came the press dispatch, which we give in another column, confirming the rumor There may possibly be some mistake about the matter yet, but we should think it extremely improbable All along we thought his chances for confirmation were by no means desperate, knowing as we did the pressure that would be brought upon the Committee and the Senate by the Executive. But it seems the Administration had not sufficient power to force this nomination through

W W Storrs cashier of the First National Bank and treasurer of a savings bank in Concord, New Hampshire, confesses that he has been in the habit of lending money belonging to those institutions to friends in financial distress Sixty five thousand dollars is the result of one week's "clean up" by the directors The little irregularity has been settled with a promise to pay

The obituary of the New York *Sun* on the late Judge Nelson is about as brief as could well be "The sudden death of Judge Nelson will take many by surprise but the grand old man was ready "

Dion Boucicault the remarkable individual who grieves because he wrote but twenty six dramas during the past year, arrived in San Francisco Jan. 3d

THE TOMBSTONE QUESTION —The last Congress was induced to make appropriations for several hundred thousand tomb-stones, to be placed one at the head of the grave of each soldier buried in the national cemeteries Little much as there are about two hundred thousand of these graves commendable efforts have been made in the War Department to obtain suitable headstones inside of a million of dollars The idea of placing a three or five-dollar slab over a soldier's grave for the purpose of handing down his name to posterity and perpetuating his memory is so absurd that it could only have been entertained on the very slightest consideration Six hundred thousand dollars expended in placing a monumental building, with a magnificent colonnade and a suitable shaft in each of these cemeteries inscribing the names of those buried in gilt letters upon the tablets in the hall thereof could not only be made an artistic production of value but would also in the most enduring form, perpetuate the names of the fallen heroes Thus when families in subsequent times would visit these cemeteries they could read the names of their ancestry in company, with all the others in a convenient manner, and have a birdseye view of the whole vast field In a very few years—not exceeding twenty—the inscriptions upon these pitiful headstones will be so obliterated that they will be utterly worthless and will only serve, at best as an evidence of the extreme folly and recklessness of expenditure of our times.

In all civilized countries the memories of the fallen heroes have always been commemorated on colossal monuments and monumental buildings and if these Washington or Temples of Fame were erected upon our national cemeteries they would not only attract visitors but serve as teachers in architecture and the fine arts

We hope Congress will reconsider the whole matter stop the quarreling upon disappointed contractors who having made all they could out of the living soldier are still intent on profiting over the dead and cause the erection of colossal monuments which would serve the purpose of perpetuating the soldier's name and add to the beautification of our country—*Republican*

AN ACCOMMODATING BANKER —The Boston *Herald* is accountable for the following. A party at the south End failed not long ago and sent for his creditor who were mostly occupants of the market to come up and see him After the usual communications of sorry look over the affairs one of the creditors remarked "Mr —— what do you propose paying"

Well responded the debtor I haven't thought much about What are they having, the very

Oh anywhere from fifteen to seventy five cents we don't [illegible]

Well said the debtor I think I can pay fifteen cents

How do you propose paying it was the next inquiry

I think that I will pay it myself by the debtor but rather than have the affair through if it does not come to it I will from the sale of stock I will pay it out of my own pocket

Harmony Lodge, No 12, A F & A M—Regular Communication on the second and fourth Monday evening of each month Visitors from the [illegible]

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MARRIED.

In this city Jan 8 at 4 M Mr Emma Trenkmann with Mr H Trenkmann aged 2 years 8 months Under the auspices of the place from residence corner 24th and H streets at 1 P M to day Friends of the family are invited to attend

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THE MEMBERS OF MINERVA LODGE NO 1 and Sister Lodges are requested to meet at their Hall this day at 1 o clock P M for the purpose of attending the funeral of the wife of Brother F H Trenkman

NOTICE

THE CREDITORS OF THE ST HELENS MILL COMPANY are hereby notified and requested to meet at St Helens at the office of the Company on the 20th day of January 1874 at 10 o clock A M to consider of the affairs of said Company and determine whether it will be for the interests of said Company in Bankruptcy or otherwise, provide for the interests of said creditors

ST HELENS MILL COMPANY
By I I LADD Pres t
St Helens Oregon Jan 8 1874 jan9[illegible]

LIST OF LETTERS UNCALLED FOR LYING in the East Portland Post Office Jan 8th 1874

Ladies' List.

Hassel Mrs Sarah — Rev Miss Millie—
Kirk Mrs Margaret I — Stevenson Mrs Sarah
Meade, Miss Hallie

Gentlemen's List.

Crook Richard — Ross George
Clark Joseph — Seaman Francis M
Denton J T — Shepherd Giles
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MR GEO P RILEY the celebrated Colored Orator will deliver an address Brief addresses will also be made by Rev T L ELIOT Rev J F DRAKE Rev I DILLON and Rev A SMITH Hon J F CAPLES will also be present and assist in the exercises The services of Mrs HAMILTON have been secured to sing one or more choice selections during the Entertainment. Prof LOST will preside at the Organ.

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Joist (from the [illegible]	[illegible]
Flooring,	[illegible]
Ceiling,	[illegible]
Rustic	[illegible]
Flume, [illegible]	[illegible]
Timber [illegible]	[illegible]
Shingles [illegible]	[illegible]
Lath	[illegible]
Pickets [illegible]	[illegible]
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3 SOLO — Old Folks
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Miss Fannie Watson and Hattie Hartshorn
Master Sprague Hattie Simpkins Mabel Clarke
Jennie Watson Thankful Church Lizzie Crane
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and Women singers

PART II.

7 GUITAR DUET — Portuguese
8 VIOLIN SOLO — Minuet
9 WORTHY SONG Boy A Hard Time Coming
10 RECITATION — The Last Hair
11 SEXTET — Music on the Farm
12 READING — The Miser
13 INSTRUMENTAL SOLO — Medley
14 ALL MEN AND WOMEN SINGERS— Strike the Cymbal

Doors open at [illegible] Entertainment to commence at 7½

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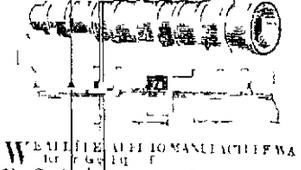

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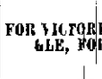

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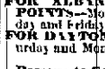

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Passengers for LAFAYETTE and all intermediate places will take CARS at 8:15 A M connecting at Canemah with the steamer DAYTON on Monday Wednesday and Friday, connecting at Oregon City with the O & C R R Co at 12 M on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for Portland.

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Passage to Corvallis	$2 00
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I will sell at my Auction Salesroom on

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CHOICE HOMESTEAD LOTS,

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Odd Fellows' Hall Association Stock.

I will sell at the Court House Door on

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Lots 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 and 8 in Block 111 in Caruthers Addition to the City of Portland

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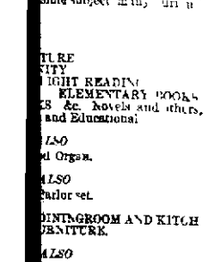

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FRIDAY MORNING JANUARY 9 1874

CITY.

A LITERARY SCRAMBLE.—Under this head the San Francisco *Call* of the 3d inst thus speaks of the trip of the *Ajax*: "In crossing the bar of the Umbra river on Sunday last, the North Beach Company's steamer *Ajax* got foul of something, and her rudder was carried away. Temporary steering gear was rigged by the crew and the steamer continued her voyage the caution used by the commander being proportionate to the difficulty of navigation. On Wednesday the steamer *Laguna* sighted the *Ajax* to the northward of Point Reyes and spoke her, then steamed into harbor and reported the condition of the disabled steamer. The *Active* was dispatched to render assistance, but arrived ground Point Reyes without sighting the *Ajax*. The steamer *Oriflamme* left Bodega Bay on Thursday with the assistance of the *Active* and succeeded in towing the steamer on Thursday. With the assistance of the *Pelican* the *Ajax* was safely brought into port. Her passengers had been distressed by the tempestuous weather and alarming incidents of the voyage, and were glad when they alighted at the wharf.

A CONSPICUOUS INVENTION.—In front of the wholesale liquor store of A P Hotaling & Co on Front street we observed yesterday a queer appearance. Eight flags for the expression or direction to notice Major Bell of the Commissary Subsistence Department is the inventor of his convenient contrivance. It consists of a small wooden box divided into several compartments between each of which partitions a small paper flag is run, which is printed the names of O T C W E C Co and O C R R & Co. Each of these flags are attached to a small wooden lever which extends above the top of the box and to which is tied a string. The string runs through a hole in the door and connects on the inside of the building. When the porter desires to give notice to either of these companies that he has a package of freight he pulls the string attached to the particular flag and it is thrown out in sight. A turn is taken around a nail with the string and the flag remains out until a transitor comes along. A patent has been applied for.

INTERESTING TO FIREMEN.—As our fire boys are always on the look out for news of particular interest in their line we publish the appended item from the *Fire Record* which Mr B Mayer has handed us: "The creation of a Paid Fire Department by a recent Philadelphia ordinance dissolves the oldest fire engine company in America—The Hibernia, organized in 1752 and now in its 122d year. During the Revolutionary war every member of the company with two exceptions served in the patriot army, though maintaining intact its organization. Among the names that have appeared upon its roll of membership are those of Robert Morris the American financier and Commodore Barry of the navy. A new organization will probably be formed, and the company property divided among the members. As there are but sixty-eight of the latter in regular standing and the property amounts to $30 000 each member will receive quite a handsome little sum.

ENTERTAINMENT THIS EVENING.—Those of our public who desire to enjoy a rich musical and literary treat, and at the same time any quantity of innocent merriment are requested to attend the entertainment offered this evening at Masonic Hall. We feel warranted in saying that the forthcoming entertainment will be a decided innovation. New features will be presented in the course of the programme which will be entirely new, unique, striking and indicrously diverting. There will be just enough of the solid and intellectual in the exercises to impart gravity, dignity and tone to the affair, and sufficient of the funny and ludicrous to give every one a hearty laugh and send them home in splendid humor. The programme is prepared with special reference to those very palatable ingredients to the public taste—fun and instruction. Elsewhere we publish the programme which is well worthy of perusal.

A NARROW ESCAPE.—One of the plasterers engaged in placing a coat of mastic on the front of the new brick building in course of construction by Dr Poppleton, near Taylor on First street had a very narrow escape yesterday morning. The platform in front of the building was supported by lofty, but very frail, scaffolding. While stepping from one part of the platform to another one of the ties reaching from the upright posts to the wall suddenly gave way. The plasterer heard the plank breaking, and felt the platform giving under his feet. Quick as thought he sprang forward and grasped firmly one of the timbers. The next instant the platform and buckets of plaster fell to the sidewalk below with a tremendous crash. The distance was about twenty feet. Serious injuries or instant death would have resulted had not the man maintained his presence of mind.

A BOLD THIEF.—Yesterday afternoon, Justice H W Davis, had occasion to leave his office for a few minutes to come down into the business portion of the city. There was no person in the office when he took his departure. Returning after an absence of about 20 minutes Mr Davis discovered that some one had been tampering with the lock of his drawer. On examination he discovered that some person had entered the drawer during his absence and taken therefrom $10 in silver which was rolled up. The thief had forced open the lock and taken away everything of value. The contents of the drawer—papers, etc. were found lying in confusion about. Evidently the thief was looking for greenbacks, but his search was unrewarded. This enterprising burglar was unparalleled in his check to open a drawer in a public office in broad daylight.

ST VINCENT'S HOSPITAL.—From the *Sentinel* we learn that the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul having received so generous a contribution to its fund for the building of an hospital in this city, have resolved to begin at once in making arrangements for the erection of the proposed building. The ground is situated in the northern part of the city, are about to be cleared for that purpose, bids being now invited therefor and as soon as the weather permits the work of building will commence in earnest. It is proposed to have the building ready for occupancy by the first of August next, if not sooner. Archbishop Blanchet is now making arrangements to call upon Order of the Sisters of Charity to this Archdiocese for the purpose of taking charge of the hospital.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL UNION.—This association met last Tuesday evening, and perfected its organization by the election of the following officers: President Rev Wm O'Hara; Vice President Wm McKay; Secretary H C Hall; Treasurer M J Cronin. The Executive Committee and others, to the number of very large, in proportion to the size of the ballroom, were elected. The music and literary exercises during the day and evening were very large, in proportion to the size of the audience.

A CELEBRITY DISINTERRED.—A short time ago a great curiosity in the fossil line was brought to light near the North Yamhill river. It consisted of neither more nor less than a perfect human finger petrified with the nail attached all as natural as life. Mr George Bell, since an Irishman, digging a well and when at the depth of thirty feet they came to a clam bed, and among the petrified clams the finger was discovered. We are satisfied that it never belonged to Noah and his family but cannot tell but what it was the property of one of the sufferers of that period. This relic has been presented to Mr T A Wood for his Museum in Portland, by J S Robinson.

NEARLY DROWNED.—A man named James Stone, while crossing the Columbia river near St Helens came near drowning a few days ago. The rough waters capsized the skiff and threw him in the water. He managed to crawl upon the keel of the boat and clung for dear life. In that manner Stone drifted over a mile and finally lodged on an island. He was so numb with cold and exhausted that he was unable to get ashore. After some time he made his situation known to a man on shore, who put off in a boat and brought the half drowned man to the shore.

SHIELD OFF.—A stranger named Jas Leo who was not acquainted with the lay of the land walked off the edge of one of the wharves and fell a distance of about twelve feet. He fortunately did not strike on his head but the shock and surprise was very severe. When discovered he was unable to extricate himself unassisted. He was helped up and a physician summoned. His injuries, however proved of a slight nature and he was soon able to walk about. Prowling around the wharves after dark isn't conducive to good health and soundness of limb.

TUG CORDELIA.—Fred Congdon has named his new tug boat the *Cordelia*. She is lying at present at the foot of Taylor street where the upper works are being built. The intention of the owner is to transfer the boiler and machinery of the *Mary Bell* to the tug. The latter boat lies at present alongside, but the machinery will not be placed in the new boat until probably a month or more. Mr Congdon designs to have the new tug ready for spring work.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.—At a regular meeting of Miners Lodge No 19 I O O F, the following named officers were installed by Gr Wantzingerode D D G M: J S Keller, N G; J Klosterman V G; A Ehman R S; A Bartsch, Treas; Wm Bonnin, W; D Metzger, C; P Hagener, O G; H Baeken, I G; I Miller, R S N G; P Smith, L S N G; R Boekler, R S V G; R Knoll, R S S; A Vigehur, L S S.

OFFICERS CHOSEN.—Last Sunday afternoon the first quarterly meeting of the Catholic Library and Christian Doctrine Society of this city for the year 1874 took place. At this meeting Mr Marcus Richards was elected Vice President and Mr H C Pubk Corresponding Secretary of the Society, these offices not having been filled at the regular election on the Sunday previous.

WEATHER REPORT.—From the records of the U S Signal Station of Observation Portland Oregon, January 8 1874

	7 A M	2 P M	9 P M
Thermometer	36	42	42
Wind direction	S	S	S
" velocity miles per hour	8	12	8
Weather	Cloudy	Cloudy	Clear
Rainfall			0 00 inches.

ENTERTAINMENT.—By reference to an advertisement which appears to day it will be observed that the friends of Rev Adam Smith will give an entertainment at Good Templar's Hall on the evening of the 15th. The programme is diversified and will certainly be attractive. No doubt a large number will find it convenient to be present.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES.—The case of Chas Roberts & C W Lampson and James Saubern of the ship *Albert*, came up for decision yesterday morning in the U S District Court. Judge Deady dismissed the libel against the Captain of the vessel but found a decree of $ 00 against the mate. The respondent gave notice of appeal.

JOLLY GOOD FELLOWS.—At an election held by the Order of Jolly Good Fellows in this city on Tuesday evening the following officers were elected: W H Butts, H G S; Jas J Gallagher, H S; L Phillips, H J S; Robt Jennings, Secretary; J B Kelly, Treasurer; Charles Lewis, G M; Charles Holsapple, R M.

ST JOSEPH'S SOCIETY.—Agreeable to the new constitution adopted at a meeting of this German Catholic Society held last Sunday afternoon three Directors were elected to serve the remainder of the present term. Messrs H J Herman, John Sonniker and N A Wittman were elected such Directors.

THE ORIGONIAN AT TACOMA.—Mr F Curran had will provide our friends at Tacoma with the DAILY OREGONIAN on the same day it is issued. The Tacoma folks can therefore get the very latest news by going to Mr Curran's and ordering it delivered.

THE COURTS.

CIRCUIT COURT—JUDGE DEADY.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1874.

Chas Roberts vs Chas W Lampson and Jas Saubern; libel dismissed as to Captain and decree against Mate for $ 00 and costs.

Ordered that allowance of $ per month in favor of Mrs Popple be continued.

Order that email amount of money remaining in hands of Mrs Spalding be paid to Mr Spalding.

Ordered that the petition of Jay L Bennett for allowance to Mrs Spalding be denied

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UNENDING

There is an end to kisses and to sighs
There is an end to laughter and to tears
An end to dear things that delight our eyes
An end to pleasant sounds that charm our ears
And end to enmity's foul libelling
And to the gracious praise of tender friends
There is an end to all but one sweet thing—
I love there is no end

There is a verse I can impart with his sword
He conquers who but like him—a name
That statesman spoke and by a burning word
Kindled a nation's heart unto a flame
New laurels he left but ashes and we bring
Our homage to new men to them we bend
There is no end to all but one sweet thing—
To love there is no end

All beauteous as sway or else alas
Men eyes grow dim and then no beauty sees
The glorious shows I mature pass and pass
Quick joys they come as quickly do they flee
And while I hear the voice of him my friend
There is an end to all but one sweet thing—
To love there is no end

All for ourselves—our father where is he?
Gone and remembers about remains
There's no refuge in a mother's knee
For us grown old and sad with cares and pain,
Brotherless sisterless our way we wend
To death a dark home from which we shall not rove
And so we see yet one thing hath no end—
There is no end to love

JOHN STRAY.

THE HEROISM OF AN ENGINEER AT THE SIEGE OF CHARLESTON

(From the New York Post)

In a novel lately published entitled Mark Gildersleeve the hero, an officer in the Union army during the late war is represented as performing an exploit which, although seemingly fanciful and extravagant is nevertheless the recital of an actual occurrence, and is worth recording as an extraordinary instance of cool courage and steadiness of nerve in a situation of extreme peril

In the fictitious narrative Captain Mark Gildersleeve is made, while in a venturesome mood to unspike a cannon during the siege of Richmond, directly in the face of the enemy's sharpshooters Now the true hero of this feat was not a 'curled darling in shoulder straps," as Captain Mark is represented to be, but sturdy old John Stray, a private in the First New York Volunteer Engineers, and the scene of action was not in Virginia, but in South Carolina, on Morris Island, in July, 1863, after the disastrous attack on Fort Wagner Baffled in the assault General Gilmore lost no time in taking means to reduce the fort by regular approaches, and in a few days after

THE BLOODY REPULSE

The first parallel had been opened and a breaching battery was in position During a night attack on the Union works the rebels succeeded in driving the men from their position and spiking the guns in the battery This was a serious check, as the rebel sharpshooters, in rifle-pits, effectually stopped further progress on the part of the engineering corps One of the spiked guns a 300-pounder Parrot, completely raked the rifle pits, and it was of the utmost importance that it should be brought into action In this difficulty the Chief of Ordnance called for volunteers to restore the piece to service To do this it was necessary to mount the cannon and drill out the spike obstructing the vent while the foe were diligently trying to pick off

THE VENTURESOME WORKMAN

From his perch As no one seemed ambitious to undertake the venture Colonel Mordecai applied to Stray, who, besides, being a skilled machinist had given proof of unusual coolness and daring At the request of the Colonel he inspected the gun, but the shower of bullets which greeted his appearance was not calculated to encourage him, and he reported that he not think one could live long enough on the cannon to unspike it Without trying to influence him against his inclinations, the Colonel replied that if he were willing to make the attempt and should be killed he (the Colonel) would see that his family were provided for This promise decided Stray At nightfall he went forth

ON HIS PERILOUS ERRAND,

Armed simply with a brace of bits. Straddling the breech of the monstrous piece, and crouching as low as possible, he plied the drill vigorously No sooner had he begun than the enemy perceived him, and flash after flash succeeded from the rifle-pits. Stray could see, as he worked, the rifle-pits of the rebels, not a hundred yards distant, ablaze with the light of fifty rifles, and feel the wind of their bullets as they whizzed past him Occasionally one struck the cannon, as he noticed by the peculiar chirp of the impact Favored partly by the obscurity and more by good luck, he remained unscathed, save by one skin scraping shot In fifteen minutes—it seemed to him an hour—the vent was clear. As the gun was loaded, a lanyard and primer were passed up to him, and these fixed, he slipped quickly off The rebels, seeing him drop, imagined they had shot him and sent up

A YELL OF EXULTATION,

Which was suddenly checked as a discharge of grape scattered death among them The rifle-pits were at once abandoned, and our sappers and miners enabled to proceed without further interruption The Captain of the battery reported twenty-two lead marks from bullets that had struck the piece In reward for this exploit Stray was offered a Second Lieutenancy, but being a modest man and not fitted by education for the position, he declined it and was satisfied to accept the position of master mechanic in the Ordnance Department This was by no means the only adventure of this peril that Stray was engaged in during the war, and his history would make a readable volume He was presented by Major General Gilmore with the bronze medal for valorous conduct of which, we believe, but thirty nine in all were distributed Stray is now an engineer employed in a factory in Jersey City. He is a short, thick set man of fifty or so, with a gray beard fringing a quiet but determined countenance Many a less deserving name will be handed down to posterity to become illustrious with time than that of this obscure hero, John Stray.

SOMEWHAT MIXED

HOW A REPORTER LOST HIS SITUATION BY REPORTING A SENSATIONAL SERMON IN SENSATIONAL STYLE.

It is said that in a moment of temporary insanity a Boston city editor assigned a horse-racing, base-ball and aquatic reporter to report in half a column the Sunday services at the church of a sensational preacher This is the report he published and for which he was discharged

The House met at 10 30 A M Prayer by the chaplain The first race was between the chaplain and the singers it being a pretty even match the first two heats but the singers got the best of the last three heats and came in on the amen two lengths ahead, win ning the last three heats and race Time 5 02 Petitions were then presented for forgiveness and other similar matters and notice was given for special assignments during the coming week for various objects The singers then sailed up to the judges stand and after getting into position sailed away on the course with all canvas set, and a spanking breeze from the organ which drove them along in fine style The top rigged that flying the blue pennant was well ahead at the stake and came home ahead of all the fleet The speaker then took the floor and announced his intention to ask that the resolutions of censure that had been heaped upon Ananias should be rescinded, and proceeded to read the records of the case from which it appeared that Ananias had sold his horse and had not given all the price to the church The speaker then went on to say that no reason appeared on the records for Ananias to give any and much less all his property to the church and he instanced many of the brethren him would to say more than Ananias had in the same place He then went on to show that Ananias had obeyed his wife in the matter and expressed the belief that few of those before him could say as much for themselves After further arguments of similar character he moved that the character of Ananias be and hereby is declared A 1 by the members of the House

THAT MODOC AFFAIR—The Modoc war for a comparatively small war attracted a large amount of attention Its progress was watched as closely in Europe as here, and the daily issues of the situation were the text of telegrams flashed across the Atlantic They are now footing the cost of that little Modoc war in the War Department at Washington The Quartermaster General reports that with some few unascertained expenditures, which however are not all in Modoc war cost $3 5 009 78. This is exclusive of the pay, clothing, and armament of the troops engaged To catch these warriors their squaws and papooses cost about $2 000 apiece

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

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